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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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3 PROGENICS PHARMACEUTICALS,  
4 INC.,

5 Plaintiff,

6 v.

14 MISC 245 (RA)

7 IMS CONSULTING GROUP,

8 Defendant.  
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9 New York, N.Y.  
10 August 13, 2014  
11 3:00 p.m.

12 Before:

13 HON. RONNIE ABRAMS,

14 District Judge

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1 (In open court; case called)

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Counsel please state your name for  
3 the record.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Marc Goldstein for Progenics  
5 Pharmaceuticals.

6 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

7 MR. TABER: Your Honor, Ken Taber and Andrew Kim for  
8 IMS Consulting Group.

9 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

10 MR. FENTON: Good afternoon, your Honor. Loring  
11 Fenton for non party Ono Pharmaceutical.

12 THE COURT: I received your submissions and I am happy  
13 to hear you out.

14 Do you want to start, Mr. Goldstein?

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I will be happy to start, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Sure.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I would like to jump right into the  
18 issue of your Honor's power to enforce the subpoena. There is  
19 a subsidiary issue which isn't very developed of the  
20 arbitrator's power to issue the subpoena, but I think this is  
21 about your power to enforcements. So I would like to go right  
22 to the language of Section 7 of the Arbitration Act concerning  
23 enforcement power and the relevant language says that the court  
24 may compel the attendants of such person or persons before said  
25 arbitrator or arbitrators (ellipsis) in the same manner

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1 provided by law for securing the attendance of witnesses in the  
2 Courts of the United States.

3 Now, we have this issue about 30(b)(6) and I want to  
4 jump right into it because I can imagine it occurred to your  
5 Honor in reading what Judge Wesley wrote in the Life  
6 Receivables decision Section 7 is a statute that dates from  
7 1925. It is 13 years older than the Federal Rules. It dates  
8 from a time when there was no such thing as a non-party  
9 subpoena for documents only and no such thing as a deposition  
10 for prehearing discovery. Judge Wesley in his opinion pointed  
11 that out as support for reading the plain meaning of the  
12 language that said the witness has to be called to appear  
13 before in the presence of one or more of the arbitrators as the  
14 subpoena provides. Of course that is not to say that  
15 depositions were entirely unheard of before the Federal Rules,  
16 and I am going to refer the Court to an article which we  
17 discovered today and I sent it to counsel.

18 It is in the Yale Digital Commons, the Digital Commons  
19 website, www.DigitalCommons.Law.Yale.EDU. The author's name is  
20 Siwller, and the title of the article is The Origins of the  
21 Oral Deposition in Federal Rules. So I was instructed because  
22 it took us back to what was deposition practice in the Federal  
23 Rules and the judiciary law such as it was before we had the  
24 Federal Rules, which is to say at the time the FAA was enacted.  
25 It was interesting to read that because there was a provision

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1 by rule on the equity side. It was Equity Rule 47 for  
2 depositions in lieu of trial testimony when authorized by  
3 statute or for good cause shown and there were two separate  
4 statutes in 28, U.S.C. -- I think it was -- 638 and 639 and you  
5 will see in the footnote of that article that provided for  
6 depositions to perpetuate trial testimony and they had Latin  
7 terms, *i bene esse*, which most of us are familiar with from  
8 either law school or some early part of our careers, and the  
9 other which is called *dedimus potestatem*, which was more or  
10 less when the witness was about to flee the country or become  
11 unavailable other than for some unpredictable period of time.

12 The article also says that those provisions apply to  
13 non-parties. Sometimes those proceedings took place before  
14 masters who supervised the examination. I point out the  
15 masters provision because it is interesting when one rereads  
16 the text of Section 7 carefully, the witness fee to be paid on  
17 service of the arbitral subpoena is not the fee payable to a  
18 witness to appear to testify at the trial before your Honor.  
19 It is the fee associated with an appearance before a master  
20 from way back when in 1925. So there is some good historical  
21 support that the framers of Section 7 back in 1925 had in mind  
22 not just the arbitration hearing on the merits as an analogue  
23 to a trial in the federal court but a special arbitration  
24 hearing before fewer than all the arbitrators -- and that is  
25 what we have here, a plan at the moment, an agreement between

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1 Mr. Fenton and myself that one arbitrator will attend. It is  
2 an analogue to a proceeding under federal equity rules as they  
3 were and 28 provisions as they were for depositions for the  
4 perpetuation of testimony that would be later used at the  
5 trial.

6 Now, you would still like to know I assume how  
7 30(b)(6) gets into this discussion and as 30(b)(6) is clearly a  
8 Federal Rules provision post-1938 and here is why: There are  
9 two particular sections of Section 7 that are not frozen in  
10 time, not frozen and to be read according to what was in  
11 judicial practice in 1925. That is because those provisions  
12 cross-referenced law and rules and thus are properly read to  
13 reference those laws and rules as they might be changed. We  
14 started out by reading in the same manner provided by law for  
15 securing the attendance of witnesses. Obviously Congress had  
16 in mind not only how attendance was secured in 1925 but as it  
17 might be secured in the future when those laws might be amended  
18 by Congress to update practice in the federal courts.

19 That is what happened. Congress updated practice in  
20 1938 and they created Rule 30(b)(6) and 30(b)(6) then became  
21 one of the methods provided by law for securing attendance of  
22 witnesses in the courts of the United States and that we  
23 pointed out in the brief and so I don't need to belabor it that  
24 the language in the statute talks about securing the attendance  
25 of witnesses in courts. It doesn't say securing the attendants

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of non party witnesses at trial for trial testimony in the courts. Perpetuation of testimony rather under Rule 30(b)(6) or in this one arbitration hearing we have on the calendar for August 25th is the taking of testimony. So there is an analogue directly to Rule 30(b)(6).

Now, I only want to pause briefly on the question of arbitral power. That is the lay of the land in terms of judicial power. In terms of arbitrator I pause briefly only to say that we have what amounts to a 30(b)(6) type of subpoena to a corporate witness, and in our brief we cited the Dictionary Act. I didn't know there was Dictionary Act. It says right there in 1, U.S., 1 as I quoted it that unless the context indicates otherwise, a person in a statute of the United States means a natural person and corporation, partnership, entity, etc., etc. So there is no question that person or persons as used in Section 7 of the Federal Arbitration Act includes a corporation. Even if the subpoena had not directed the corporation to designate, a corporation properly served in the arbitral subpoena would have to designate.

That really brings us then to the main question of the day, your Honor, because I don't think the question is whether you have the power to enforce the subpoena. I think it is clear that you do. I think it is clear that 30(b)(6) is an appropriate analogue. I think the submission made by our adversary Mr. Taber that Rule 45 doesn't bring into play

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1       30(b)(6) was inconclusive as his brief and mine both  
2       recognized. We cited a case in which it was so recognized.  
3       But I think that doesn't matter because we're not only talking  
4       about an analogue to bring a witness in for trial. We're  
5       talking about an analogue perpetuating testimony for use of  
6       trial. So 30(b)(6) is a perfectly good analogue.

7           So it really brings us to the question of burden. You  
8       have Judge Scheindlin's opinion. We've quoted it. We  
9       discussed it. I only want to point out that that opinion has  
10      popularity this week. In a case two recent have been cited  
11      yesterday because it was cited by a federal district judge in  
12      Nevada on Monday.

13           THE COURT: Was that 30(b)(6) case?

14           MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. The case is NML Capital LTD v.  
15      the Republic of Argentina, 2014 WL 3898021 at \*10, and the  
16      discussion at \*10 quotes specifically Judge Scheindlin's  
17      discussion of the obligation to educate a witness in the  
18      jurisdiction to give testimony. They relied on that in  
19      enforcing the subpoena to require the out-of-state persons with  
20      knowledge to educate a witness within the body who could  
21      testify in response to the subpoena. So Judge Scheindlin got  
22      some approval there.

23           So with that I just want to go to the question of  
24      burden directly. I think the question of burden, whether it is  
25      undue or not, can fairly be stated this way: Is the cost and

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1 effort involved to educate a New York witness so great that the  
2 cost is prohibited, that is to say IMS is de facto compelled to  
3 make the witness in Japan appear by video conference to  
4 testify. That is the back door argument they make. I can  
5 conceive of the back door argument making sense that the cost  
6 to educate the New York witness is so prohibitive that there is  
7 a de facto compulsion to make the witness in Japan a witness.

8 Now, the answer to that question, whether there is  
9 that level of compulsion, is no for several reasons. First,  
10 IMS has a consulting agreement with Ono, the respondent. IMS  
11 was paid for the first report that was made as the alleged  
12 basis to terminate the contract. IMS was paid for the second  
13 report in May of this year that was generated during the  
14 arbitration for use as evidence. It is inferrable that IMS  
15 will be paid by Ono for its time spent as a witness. It is a  
16 further element of their consulting engagement.

17 Second, IMS has Ono's help to get ready. Their client  
18 Ono, in Japan, plus Ono's counsel, in the New York and Japan,  
19 they are in privity. That is an extraordinary level of support  
20 to facilitate the New York witness getting ready.

21 Third, we have given fairly precise directions on the  
22 issues we want to cover in the oral testimony. If I stray, if  
23 we stray into details that go well beyond that and the witness  
24 says, I didn't prepare to answer that question, then the  
25 witness doesn't testify to that matter. Then it is up to the

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1 arbitrators to decide if we ask for an adverse inference  
2 whether the witness reasonably should have been ready to answer  
3 that question. So Mr. Ashman's declaration and counsel's  
4 argument about how complicated the report was and how involved  
5 was IMS's field work for their labor of work is really one of  
6 those classical logical fallacies of arguing a parade of  
7 horribles in the extreme. It is really never going to come to  
8 pass. We have specified the subjects for the deposition in a  
9 narrow and reasonable way. If the witness fails to get  
10 educated for a question that might go beyond the bounds of  
11 that, they would have a good argument that we really didn't  
12 need to prepare for that and we didn't and no adverse inference  
13 could be drawn.

14 Now, I want to finish by stating the obvious that the  
15 test is not just burden but undue burden. An undue burden  
16 relates not only to the factors that I have just discussed but  
17 it takes into account the probative value of the evidence and  
18 the proponent's need for the evidence. IMS has nearly nothing  
19 to say on those points because there really is nothing for them  
20 to say. Their two reports are at the heart of the arbitration.  
21 All of Ono's witnesses and Ono's expert economists, they all  
22 testify about what IMS did and Ono's people in their written  
23 witness statements -- two rounds of it now -- testify about  
24 what they talked about with IMS in meetings before and during  
25 and after the reports.

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1                   THE COURT: The witnesses are in Japan.

2                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: Those witnesses are in Japan and they  
3 will come to be cross-examined. Progenics is prejudiced  
4 without the testimony especially because as your Honor knows  
5 hearsay goes into the record so automatically in the  
6 arbitration so we already have a written record filled with  
7 hearsay testimony about what IMS allegedly said and why IMS  
8 allegedly did things as they did. So we need this testimony  
9 for the arbitration to be a fair arbitration. That is an  
10 important part of the balancing when you consider whether there  
11 is an undue burden.

12                  Thank you, your Honor, for your attention.

13                  THE COURT: Thank you.

14                  MR. TABER: Thank you, your Honor. I have six points  
15 I would like to make. I will try to make each of them very  
16 quickly. First point: Mr. Goldstein has now had three briefs  
17 before your Honor in which to give the Court one case, just one  
18 case, in which what he is asking for has been done by a court  
19 anywhere. What he is asking for is the use of Rule 30(b)(6) to  
20 compel us to educate a witness who doesn't know anything about  
21 the subject matter at hand to testify at an arbitral hearing  
22 here in New York when everyone admits that the people who know  
23 about the subject matter are beyond the 100-mile limit of the  
24 subpoena power of this court and of the arbitral tribunal.  
25 There isn't a single case he can point to where that has ever

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1 been done in the 75 years of Rule 30(b)(6) being in play. The  
2 reason why, your Honor, is that that device in that context  
3 makes no sense. What has been said in many cases, and we cite  
4 them in our papers, is that the arbitral subpoena range is  
5 100 miles to find knowledgeable witnesses who can testify about  
6 things about which they know. No case has said, And if there  
7 are no knowledgeable witnesses, you must educate them. To the  
8 contrary, your Honor, we cite two cases. One from the D.C.  
9 District Court in particular involving BBC, which had a news  
10 bureau in Washington D.C. but the people who new about the  
11 issue that was before the Court, which was the notion of  
12 out-takes from a BBC broadcasting were all in London, and there  
13 was -- this was in the setting of just a deposition, not even a  
14 trial setting. There was an attempt to compel the presentation  
15 of a witness within the 100 miles and BBC said, No, we have no  
16 such witness who has that knowledge, and court agreed and  
17 quashed the subpoena.

18 THE COURT: Let me just ask you a basic question. I  
19 understand that the arbitrator did not order anyone in Japan to  
20 participate by way of video conference, but do you think that  
21 the arbitrator even had the power to do that?

22 MR. TABER: I don't. I don't. I think that the  
23 arbitrator had the power to have 100 miles' worth of a radius  
24 to find witnesses and the arbitrators appropriately exercised  
25 that power and clarified when we submitted our objection that

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1 that was all they intended to do. They didn't see their power  
2 as any broader to reach witnesses in Japan. Now, there may be  
3 some procedure by which the panel could get on an airplane and  
4 go to Japan and utilize the comity of the Japanese court system  
5 in order to have the equivalent of a subpoena issued in Japan  
6 in U.S. Court proceedings. That hasn't happened here. I don't  
7 know if it could have happened here frankly, but there is no  
8 doubt it hasn't happened here.

9 We all know in any litigation there are sometimes  
10 witnesses who are beyond the reach of the Court and cannot be  
11 compelled to come to court to testify. That is this case.  
12 There is no witness at IMS in New York who knows anything about  
13 this particular project. 750 hours were spent on the project.  
14 Every one of those hours was spent by someone in Tokyo. Nobody  
15 in New York knows about the project.

16 Let Me if I may go to my second point.

17 THE COURT: Absolutely.

18 MR. TABER: Mr. Goldstein tells us in his submission  
19 to the Court yesterday that it shouldn't matter to this Court  
20 whether the testimony at issue here is going to be worthless  
21 testimony or not. That is an issue for the arbitrator he says  
22 and I respectfully disagree. The standard that is applicable  
23 here is whether there is a significant need for the testimony  
24 in question. I am assuming that he gets over his 30(b)(6)  
25 problem. I don't think he does, but let's assume he does. The

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1 test then is whether there is a significant need for the  
2 testimony.

3 THE COURT: Are you denying that there is a  
4 significant need for the testimony of a witness in Japan, or is  
5 your argument just that having a witness who is educated on an  
6 impromptu basis wouldn't provide the useful testimony that  
7 Progenics is seeking?

8 MR. TABER: The second, your Honor. No, there are  
9 clearly witnesses in Japan who have information that would  
10 appear from everything we know to be relevant to the dispute  
11 between these parties. The educated witness in the U.S. who  
12 will no nothing other than hearsay from conversations with  
13 other people and who is not in a position because IMS is not a  
14 party to give admissions or make admissions that would overcome  
15 the hearsay rule is in effect giving testimony that is no more  
16 valuable than if we took someone off the street and put them in  
17 a room for a couple days and have them talk to someone in Japan  
18 about the project and then brought them into testify.

19 THE COURT: Well, IMS could produce someone with  
20 useful information either by way of video conference or have  
21 someone from Japan come, but IMS is unwilling to do so.

22 MR. TABER: We're unwilling to do so because we're not  
23 obligated to do so, your Honor. This is not our fight. We're  
24 a non-party. The reach of the subpoena is 100 miles. The  
25 arbitrators have already said, No, we don't want a video

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1 conference from Japan. That is off the table as far as  
2 arbitrators are concerned.

3 THE COURT: Have they specifically said that as to  
4 video conference?

5 MR. TABER: I will read you exactly what their words  
6 were, your Honor. What they said is -- they don't use the word  
7 "video conference."

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The subpoena uses the word video  
9 conference.

10 MR. TABER: What they say is, For the record it was  
11 not the intention of the tribunal to require the appearance of  
12 a witness in Japan. If a witness is participating by video  
13 conference in a U.S. proceeding, the witness is appearing in  
14 Japan at one end of the video conference link. I believe they  
15 say quite clearly they don't want that and so does  
16 Mr. Goldstein frankly. In his submission, his first submission  
17 to the Court, he says we're not asking for a video conference  
18 in Japan, and we understand that the arbitrators said we can't  
19 have that. That was something that I suppose he must have  
20 raised at some earlier stage. I don't know. We weren't there.  
21 It is clear from his papers that he believes he is not entitled  
22 to it and we concur.

23 THE COURT: I agree. I am not being asked to decide  
24 whether a witness in Japan could be compelled to testify by  
25 video. That is not the issue I am deciding today in any event

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1 so please proceed.

2 MR. TABER: Thank you, your Honor.

3 The third point I want to make is with respect to  
4 Mr. Goldstein's argument in his paper that the way we can do  
5 this is in effect with a phone-a-friend, have someone in New  
6 York who has necessary phone somebody in Japan to find out  
7 whatever the information is in order to be able to testify. My  
8 only comment there, your Honor, is it just can't work in the  
9 trial setting. The notion you are going to ask a question of a  
10 witness who isn't going to know the answer, you are going to  
11 take a break while the witness calls someone in Japan and ask  
12 the question is ludicrous. I don't think that that is what  
13 Mr. Goldstein meant to suggest. I point it out only because it  
14 underscores that the procedure he is asking for here  
15 unprecedented as it is is also completely impractical in the  
16 real world.

17 Fourth point, your Honor. Mr. Goldstein says there is  
18 no undue burden here, that this is just business and the Court  
19 should overlook that. Respectfully, your Honor, it is not just  
20 business to say to someone who has never touched a project,  
21 never worked on that project, doesn't know the Japanese health  
22 care system, doesn't know the Japanese language to come in and  
23 educate themselves in some fashion to answer Mr. Goldstein's  
24 question which are wide-ranging questions and he lays them out  
25 in his papers. He is not shy.

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1                   THE COURT: The part where he says in his papers if  
2 you want to avoid that burden, produce someone by video  
3 conference from Japan.

4                   MR. TABER: He does say that in his papers, your  
5 Honor, but he is not entitled to that and I believe he cannot  
6 foist upon us an undue burden and say, Of course there is an  
7 answer for your undue burden, which is to give me something you  
8 know and I know I am not entitled to. It doesn't work that  
9 way. There is an undue burden because what he is proposing  
10 which is the only thing he is allowed by the panel to propose  
11 is the use of a witness in New York who knows by everyone's  
12 agreement nothing about the subject of the testimony they are  
13 being called on to give. That is, I believe, your Honor, the  
14 paradigm of an undue burden, to have to take a human being who  
15 knows nothing about something and turn them into someone who is  
16 going to testify live under oath. To say, well, yeah, you can  
17 avoid that by having a witness in Japan is not an answer either  
18 the tribunal thinks is appropriate or Mr. Goldstein believes he  
19 is entitled to because he is not.

20                  The fifth point was to talk about the video  
21 conferencing and I think we covered that more than adequately.

22                  The last point relates to the case citing Judge  
23 Scheindlin's case for 30(b)(6), which was just apparently  
24 handed down within the last couple days. That is a case  
25 involving Argentina decided by the District of Nevada. All

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1 that case does, your Honor, is it recites the Rule 30(b)(6)  
2 standard. It's a deposition case, not a trial case. So it is  
3 still the fact that there is nothing further on the trial side  
4 of the equation. It is not an arbitration case and so it  
5 doesn't change anything that the cases that we described in our  
6 papers established.

7 I would also add that in that case the only question  
8 that was put to the deposition witness or was going to be put  
9 to the deposition question was whether and why particular  
10 documents exist or don't exist. That is the kind of question  
11 that somebody can prepare for and answer on behalf of a  
12 corporation, the existence of a body of documents, whether they  
13 exist, and if they don't exist where are they in effect. That  
14 is not what Mr. Goldstein is asking for here. What he is  
15 asking for here is substantive testimony -- What did you in the  
16 study, what didn't you do in the study, why did you do it, or  
17 why didn't you do it, why didn't you do a host of other  
18 alternatives that I think you should have done. Those are all  
19 questions that can only be answered by someone who knows the  
20 Japanese health care market generally and this particular  
21 project in particular.

22 So, your Honor, if I could just sum up what we're  
23 dealing with is, I believe, a completely unprecedented request  
24 to use a mechanism that in 75 years has never previously been  
25 used and that would impose even if it were proper an undue

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1 burden. If the words undue burden mean anything, they mean  
2 what Mr. Goldstein is asking this New York witness to do.

3 Thank you very much.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 Mr. Goldstein, would you like to respond?

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, your Honor.

7 Sometimes replies take last points first so I will  
8 take the new Nevada case first and I will read from it. This  
9 is at \*10. "Rule 45(c) territorial limits place no barriers on  
10 the information that a properly served subpoena can reach.  
11 Given the unique status of a corporate person, a federal court  
12 subpoena power reaches all documents, no matter where they are  
13 located, and that are within a resident corporation's custody  
14 and control." Then it goes to the testimony inside.

15 "Similarly, the unique status of the corporate person permits a  
16 federal court to compel a non-party resident corporation to  
17 designate a non-resident employee to 'thoroughly educate' and  
18 in forum employee to testimony on the corporation's behalf."  
19 Citing Wolves v. Bank of China, 298 F.R.D. 91, 99 and then  
20 parenthetical quote of Judge Scheindlin, "Even Hapoalim is a  
21 non-party witness and all the documents are knowledgeable  
22 persons are in Jerusalem, compliance with 30(b)(6) subpoena is  
23 not an undue burden."

24 THE COURT: Let me ask you how useful would it really  
25 be? This is different. Putting aside the issue of the

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1 distinction between 30(b)(6) and an arbitral subpoena, putting  
2 that aside for a moment, how useful would it be in this case to  
3 have IMS educate a witness who wasn't involved in the study on  
4 questions raised about why did you do this in the study, why  
5 didn't you do that? Doesn't that require an expert's knowledge  
6 of the study in the Japanese health care market? It is very  
7 distinct from something about the company or what the company  
8 did.

9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It does not, your Honor, because the  
10 questions are fairly pointed and they do not go to the  
11 methodology or the field work of IMS. They go to IMS's  
12 communications with Ono. As to which Ono's witnesses have  
13 testified to what they said to IMS and what IMS said to Ono. I  
14 would like to ask, Did you in fact say that to Ono in the  
15 meeting held on August 6th as Mr. X from Ono has testified.  
16 There is no difficulty in witness statement of the Ono witness  
17 being shown to the designee in New York who can discuss its  
18 content with his counterpart in Tokyo and find out. We have  
19 other rather pointed questions which are again not about the  
20 methodology.

21 THE COURT: In terms of he has to find out from a  
22 person in Tokyo isn't that an end run around the geographic  
23 limitations that the idea being, all right, you have to  
24 designate someone here who is going to call the person in  
25 Tokyo?

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1                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think Judge Scheindlin is correct in  
2 saying in effect it is not an end run around the geographic  
3 limitations because the knowledge is held by the corporation.  
4 It is only held by individuals on behalf of the corporation.  
5 The corporation is present in New York. It is jurisdictionally  
6 here and therefore it is validly served. These are devices to  
7 get at the corporation's knowledge in the best way we can.  
8 That notion of the geographic locus of the knowledge was  
9 reiterated in what was written in the very first paragraph of  
10 the judge of Nevada, Rule 45(c) territorial limits place no  
11 barriers on the information that a properly served subpoena can  
12 reach.

13                  Judge Scheindlin's opinion elaborated on that. The  
14 corporation has the information. The employees are in  
15 different places and we cannot force the Japan employee to come  
16 here, but we can force somebody here to get the information  
17 from the Japan employee. I pointed out earlier Mr. Taber  
18 argued that the hearsay nature of what the Japan witness would  
19 say to his colleague in New York makes it either inadmissible  
20 or not useful. I disagree with that. It is hearsay in a  
21 technical sense. But if hearsay in a technical sense was  
22 applying in arbitration, all the testimony of Ono about what  
23 IMS said to them would be stricken out. But it is not being  
24 stricken out because hearsay goes in the record for what it is  
25 worth in the arbitration. So we have a significant need and

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1 there will be significant value.

2 I am going to skip over the phonathon on this point,  
3 your Honor, because we were not suggesting that at all.

4 THE COURT: I think we just addressed that.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The subpoena, your Honor, and Exhibit  
6 11 says in the last sentence of page 1, Video conference  
7 facilities will be available to accommodate the appearance to  
8 give testimony of any person designated by you to testify.

9 THE COURT: What page?

10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: First page of the subpoena at Exhibit  
11 11. First of all, we scheduled by agreement for 6:00 p.m.  
12 which is 7:00 a.m. in Tokyo in case they decided to designate a  
13 witness in Japan. That was part of the e-mail exchange among  
14 the arbitrators and Mr. Fenton and me to select a time of day  
15 that would accommodate the Japan witness if they elected to go  
16 that route and then in the last sentence says, Video conference  
17 will be available to accommodate the appearance. So, yes, the  
18 arbitrators had no intention to require anyone in Tokyo to fly  
19 here and show up here. They have no intention evidently to  
20 require that the Japanese witness be designated. They did  
21 contemplate that the designee at IMS's election to avoid  
22 burden -- to avoid the burden they are talking about of  
23 educating somebody might be to opt for the video conference.

24 THE COURT: They are not electing to do that.

25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. They are not electing to do

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1 that. They are not electing to do that and they can't be  
2 compelled to bring the Japanese witness, but they are not  
3 forced to bring the Japanese witness. They have a meaningful  
4 choice of educating a witness in a reasonable way.

5 THE COURT: In your view they have a meaningful choice  
6 of doing what you are requesting and educating someone not at  
7 all knowledgeable about this study to essentially answer  
8 questions about the study or to do what the arbitrator has  
9 clearly not asked them to do and they cannot be required to do,  
10 which is designate someone in Japan to participate by video  
11 conference.

12 MR. GOLDSTEIN: They can opt for that. That was  
13 precisely what Judge Scheindlin said. They cannot be required  
14 to do that; but the fact that they have the ability to do that  
15 as an option -- that is a less burdensome option -- is relevant  
16 to the question of undue burden. They can choose that. They  
17 have an easy route to minimize burden to nothing. The burden  
18 involved in educating a witness in a reasonable fashion as I  
19 said in the formula originally is not so overwhelming  
20 especially in a context where it is really not disputed that  
21 the people is going to be compensated for their time to get  
22 ready in a reasonable way. Your Honor is not going to direct  
23 them to read every page of the report. They will not be  
24 expected to do that. They will not be expected to know the  
25 details of the field work that was done or the survey and the

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1 design of the survey and the interviews and the physicians.

2 That is not what it is about. We have given you in our  
3 subpoena and in our brief a very specific definition of what we  
4 think the education involves and what we think the examination  
5 before the arbitrator involves. That is a reasonable burden  
6 all factors considered, your Honor, and that is our submission  
7 to you today.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Did you want to say one more thing, Mr. Taber?

10 MR. TABER: I would appreciate the opportunity, your  
11 Honor. Thank you.

12 Contrary to what Mr. Goldstein just indicated, the  
13 corporation, IMS, does not have the information he seeks. The  
14 information he seeks resides in the heads of the people who  
15 work on the project. The questions he wants to asks are  
16 questions like, what did you do and why did you do it, why  
17 didn't you do other things that I think you should have done,  
18 and how did you make the choices you made here.

19 THE COURT: Is that true? I don't mean to interrupt.  
20 Is that true? Do you really just want to ask the limited  
21 questions you asked a moment ago about communications that were  
22 made or do you really want to ask about the formulation of the  
23 study and why it was done and how it was done?

24 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Really the only question about the  
25 formulation of the study, your Honor, relates to the

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1 assumptions that were evidently, and we understand, to have  
2 been imposed by Ono and therefore not the subjects of any study  
3 by IMS and that was what prices to use in sales estimates,  
4 which we understand to have been imposed by Ono and sent. We  
5 want to confirm that and we want to know why. And the second  
6 is why did you use to quantify the universe of cancer patients  
7 Statistics A rather than Statistics B, was that directed by  
8 Ono, or did you have a reason about reliability about  
9 statistics or otherwise to choose one rather than the other.  
10 The methodology of carrying out the report is not a subject of  
11 the examination, your Honor. That is why we say whether it is  
12 for the educated witness or witness in Japan, we're not asking  
13 a lot.

14 MR. TABER: Your Honor, I am going to read from  
15 Mr. Goldstein's own declaration that he submitted to your Honor  
16 here and what he says paragraph 21 is "Therefore, to have the  
17 chance to question IMS about why it made those assumptions is  
18 important." That is in paragraph 21. In paragraph 23 he says,  
19 We do wish to determine if IMS did certain types of analysis  
20 and for certain reasons omit that analysis from the report." He  
21 goes on to say that we want the witness "to be able to explain  
22 what was done and what were the conclusions." He then has some  
23 more specific questions but those are the broad sweeping  
24 questions that in his declaration he told your Honor and he  
25 said the same thing I believe to the tribunal he intends to ask

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1 this witness about. We all know that when he asked the first  
2 question, there is going to be a follow-up question depending  
3 on what the answer is. Then there will be further follow-up  
4 questions, but he is talking to someone who doesn't know the  
5 answers. Because at most they have the hearsay from having  
6 questioned the people who do know the answers. That is exactly  
7 the distinction here, your Honor, that the cases focus on.

8 One of the cases we cited for your Honor is a case  
9 called Sara Lee Corp. v. Kraft Foods, Inc., 276 F.R.D. 500  
10 from the Northern Strict of Illinois in 2011. The Court there  
11 draws this very distinction and says that when you are talking  
12 about topics such as, quote, the corporations official position  
13 as to, quote, corporate policies and procedures or the  
14 corporation's opinion about whether a business partner complies  
15 with the terms of contract, close quotes, that is proper Rule  
16 30(b)(6) examination of corporate policies, corporate level  
17 decisions. But the Court goes on to say, quote, Nonparty Rule  
18 30(b)(6) testimony is less appropriate for proving how the  
19 parties acted in a given instance, closed quote. That is what  
20 we're dealing with here.

21 Mr. Goldstein wants to know because he says it is  
22 important to his case how IMS acted in a particular instance,  
23 why it did what it did, why it didn't do other things that he  
24 thinks it should have done. That is where Rule 30(b)(6) is  
25 inappropriate, where educating a witness who didn't participate

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1       in any way, shape or form in the facts is a different  
2       situation. The BBC, case, your Honor, they wanted to know  
3       information and the Court said, The information you want is  
4       known by people who are all in London. The people here in  
5       Washington D.C. are news reporters. They don't know how this  
6       particular broadcast that you are challenging was assembled,  
7       why there were out-takes not included. They don't know  
8       anything about that and to ask them about it because they  
9       happen to be within a hundred miles of this court is wrong.  
10      We're quashing the subpoena. This Court should do exactly the  
11      same.

12           Last point, your Honor. The case from Judge  
13       Scheindlin that Mr. Goldstein spent so much time on. The  
14       questions that she allowed to be asked of the witness from Bank  
15       Hapoalim who was to be educated were extremely narrow. They  
16       went to a single issue. Did the Israeli government give a  
17       particular instruction to the bank or not. It was a yes-no  
18       question. That is what she allowed to be answered by a witness  
19       to be educated here in New York. It wasn't a course of conduct  
20       question. It wasn't a question for 750 hours of consulting  
21       work. It was a question to a single discrete fact. That is  
22       okay for Rule 30(b)(6) depositions and maybe the argument can  
23       be made that that is okay for trial in an arbitration. But  
24       what year talking about is different in scope and in magnitude  
25       and in burden and that is why the subpoena should be quashed,

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1 your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Why don't we do this: Why don't we take a  
3 brief recess.

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Your Honor, may I have one moment?

5 THE COURT: Sure.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think the arguments come down to  
7 what I say I want to ask versus what Mr. Taber insists that I  
8 really think I might ask. What I presented to your Honor was  
9 fairly narrow. If the answer to the question is: Did you  
10 study -- did you not study the price because IMS -- Ono told  
11 you not to study the price. Yes. I will ask: Did you study  
12 the price anyway? The answer to that might be no. If the  
13 answer is no, it certainly is no burden to find out.

14 THE COURT: You had said earlier you were going to ask  
15 why questions, which I don't think are narrow. Did Ono direct  
16 you to do this.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: One why question. Why did you select  
18 Data Point X rather than Data Point Y, period. The followup  
19 question might be: Did you study under Data Point Y as an  
20 alternative? Answer, no. Alternate answer yes. If the  
21 alternative answer is yes, the detail of it should be in  
22 documents that are going on produced. It is not going to be a  
23 subject of oral testimony. Similarly if the answer is yes, we  
24 did a price study under the alternative pricing of what they  
25 thought the price would be, it will be in documents. It is not

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1 the subject of oral testimony. The documents can be produced.  
2 Obviously if they did a study of price, it is a highly  
3 documentary thing and they can provide it. If the answer is  
4 no, the answer is simply obtained. It doesn't take much  
5 education. We're done. That is not burdensome. I submit to  
6 your Honor that Mr. Taber is putting the parade of horribles in  
7 your mouth and trying to say this is American litigator who is  
8 not able to resist and asking questions into the weeds. I have  
9 been very specific about what our interests are and that is why  
10 it is not burdensome.

11 THE COURT: Thank you. We'll take a brief recess.

12 (Recess)

13 THE COURT: Having considered the parties' submissions  
14 and arguments, I'm going to deny Progenics' motion to compel  
15 compliance with the arbitral witness summons. I have not been  
16 asked to decide whether a witness in Japan could be compelled  
17 to testify by video before the arbitrators. Instead, the  
18 narrow issue before me is whether, by analogy to Rule 30(b)(6),  
19 IMS can be compelled to educate an employee in New York about a  
20 Japanese for the purpose of testifying before the arbitrators.

21 I don't think there is a dispute that it would be  
22 unprecedented to order a non-party to comply with an  
23 arbitration subpoena by designating a representative and  
24 educating him or her in the same manner as 30(b)(6) deponent.  
25 I find that I have no legal basis to do so here.

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1           For Progenics' argument to succeed, I would have to  
2 find, first, that 30(b)(6) requirements apply to arbitration  
3 subpoenas and, second, that this particular subpoena is not  
4 unduly burdensome.

5           As the parties are aware, the enforcement of  
6 arbitration subpoenas is governed by Section 7 of the Federal  
7 Arbitration Act, which provides that the district courts shall  
8 enforce such subpoenas "in the same manner provided by law for  
9 securing the attendance of witnesses in the courts of the  
10 United States." The Act also provides that such subpoenas  
11 "shall be served in the same manner as subpoenas to appear and  
12 testify before the court." The text of the statute therefore  
13 requires courts faced with arbitration subpoenas to apply the  
14 requirements for subpoenas to testify in court. See Dynegy  
15 Midstream Servs. v. Trammochem, 451 F.3d at 94.

16           This understanding is reinforced by the fact that  
17 Section 7 does not authorize arbitration subpoenas for  
18 pre-hearing discovery. See Life Receivables Trust v. Syndicate  
19 102 at Lloyd's of London, 549 F.3d 210, and Odfjell ASA v.  
20 Celanese AG, 328 F. Supp. 2d at 507.

21           There is no indication in the Federal Rules of Civil  
22 Procedure themselves that Rule 30(b)(6) applies to a subpoena  
23 that compels a witness to testify at trial. Although this is  
24 an open issue in the Second Circuit, and there are some  
25 district court cases to the contrary, the only circuit courts

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1 to have addressed the issue support IMS's view of the law, and  
2 their reasoning is persuasive. See Brazos River Authority v.  
3 GE Ionics, Inc., 469 F.3d at 434 (a 5th Circuit case from 2006)  
4 and Donoghue v. Orange County., 848 F.2d at 932 (a 9th Circuit  
5 case from 1987). See also Hill v. National Railroad Passenger  
6 Corporation., 1989 WL 87621, and Dopson-Troutt v. Novartis  
7 Pharmaceutical Corporation., 295 F.R.D. at 539-40.

8 I recognize that the testimony of the witnesses  
9 involved in the IMS study is important to Progenics. I also  
10 recognize that, although I do believe it would be burdensome  
11 for IMS to educate a witness in New York about the study at  
12 issue, IMS could largely avoid that burden by having a witness  
13 in Japan testify by videoconference. Ultimately, though, I do  
14 not believe that I have the authority to order the specific  
15 relief Progenics requests.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: This, your Honor.

17 MR. TABER: Thank you very much, your Honor.

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